

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 543

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mr. Thomas L. Read on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas Read is one such estimable person who has served with probity for 47 years in multiple government service positions, most recently as the District Office Manager of the Social Security Administration in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, born in Hinton, West Virginia, Mr. Read graduated from Hinton High School in 1947 and attended Marshall College from 1947-51, prior to pursuing his graduate studies at West Virginia University from 1957-59; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the United States Navy, Thomas Read began his meritorious Naval career in 1951 and attended the US Navy Officer's Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island; he supplemented his training at an array of other Navy schools, including Aviation Machinist Mate Class A School, and Engineering Officers School; and

WHEREAS, in the course of Mr. Read's government service, that began in 1952, he has successfully carried out the operations of multiple positions within the Social Security Administration; he was the District Manager in Chattanooga before joining the Nashville office in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Read is an active and important part of the community and his profession, participating in numerous civic organizations; he is the Tennessee Vice President of the ARMA, a member of the Downtown Nashville Kiwanis Club, the Masonic Lodge, the American Legion, the Elks Lodge, the Moose Lodge, and lends his support to the Federal Executive Association, and the Aging Advocacy Committee; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Read has been duly recognized for his dedication and the contribution of his numerous talents, having received the Deputy Commissioner Award, the National Commissioner Citation Award, the 40-Year Service Award, multiple Special SSI Achievement Awards from the SSA, countless Certificates of Appreciation of Service Awards, and was named Speaker of the Year by the AFLO-CIO; and

WHEREAS, he feels fortunate to share love and companionship with his devoted wife Patsy; he is the proud father of a daughter, Nancy J. Shuping, and sons, Thomas and Jason; and

WHEREAS, during his free time he enjoys hobbies and has multiple interests that include hunting, swimming, reading, and dancing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Read exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Thomas Read has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their fullest potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his employees and colleagues alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Mr. Thomas L. Read, the Retired District Manager of the Nashville Social Security Administration, our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.